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## Before the House Committee on WATER & LAND and OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Friday, March 27, 2015 10:30 AM State Capitol, Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT
COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIMANALO,
KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
OF THE EXISTING SEAWALL AND STEPS

House Concurrent Resolution 34 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 4,539 square feet<sup>1</sup>, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-1-002:seaward of 007, at Waimanalo, Koolaupoko, Oahu for use, maintenance and repair of existing seawall and steps constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") supports this concurrent resolution.

The current owner of the abutting property, Eve G. Anderson Trust, worked with the Department to resolve the encroachment. The improvements were found encroaching on State lands located makai of the shoreline and such area should be considered as submerged lands. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("Board") may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on November 14, 2014, under agenda item D-21, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

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The subject area should be 4,539 square feet as determined by DAGS Survey Division.

The grantee shall pay the State the fair market value of the easement as consideration for the use of public lands. The amount of consideration shall be determined by an independent appraisal.